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In re: Gerald H. Negley et al. Application Serial No.: 10/659,108 Confirmation No.: 4336 Group Art Unit: 2814 Examiner: Thao X. Le

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For: SOLID METAL BLOC EMITTING DEVICES

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated September 23, 2005, at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting Claims 3-7 and 9-20.

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| A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

| Also enclosed: ______ The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Appeal Fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(1) and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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